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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2018-008429
Request No. 1414191
SRO:EMY

VIA: Email

Dear Emma Best:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning Aretha Franklin. I note that your appeal concerns the FBI's determination to categorize you as an "all others" requester for fee purposes. Please note that this Office was closed due to a lapse in funding appropriations between December 22, 2018 and January 25, 2019, which resulted in a delay in responding to your appeal.

Subsequent to your appeal, as a result of discussions between FBI personnel and this Office, the FBI has granted your request to be categorized as a representative of the news media. The FBI inadvertently mischaracterized you but has now resolved the error. Inasmuch as the FBI's action constitutes a full grant of your request, your appeal is now moot and I am closing your appeal file in this Office.

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

6/7/2019

X 

Sean R. O'Neill
Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff
Signed by: SEAN O'NEILL